

**Illinois Early Learning Council
Family and Community Engagement Meeting
Illinois Action for Children
1340 S. Damen Avenue
Chicago, IL 60608**

**Full Committee (11:00-12:00)
Call-in Number: 800-503-2899
Participant Code: 2887643**

Agenda

May 23, 2013

Note: The subcommittees will each meet prior to the committee meeting at 11:00. Please note the time and call in numbers for the subcommittees.

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| 9:00-10:00 | Subcommittee Meeting | |
| | <u>Parent Engagement</u> | [Granada and Choua] |
| | Conference Line: 888-494-4032 | |
| | Access: 588 061 1393 | |
| 10:00-11:00 | Subcommittee Meeting | |
| | <u>Capital/Infrastructure</u> | [Mark and Martin] |
| | Conference Line: 888-494-4032 | |
| | Access: 719 851 8485 | |
| | <u>Hard to Reach</u> | [Tom and Carie] |
| | Conference Line: 800-503-2899 | |
| | Access: 288 7643 | |
| 11:00-12:00 | Full Committee Meeting | |
| 11:00-11:08 | Welcome and Introductions | |
| 11:08-11:10 | Approve minutes from March 28, 2013 | |
| 11:10-11:35 | Updates | |
| | • Early Learning Council | [Kim] |
| | ○ The meeting dates for join June were shared | |
| | ▪ Early Learning Council Executive Committee: 6/3 | |

- Early Learning Council and Executive Committee: 6/24
 - Kim noted that the Early Learning Challenge grant's scope of work would be submitted by 6/6
 - Kim shared that the Early Learning Council will submit a report to the governor's office
- Local Updates [Sam and Mark]
 - Chicago Public Schools Ready to Learn Initiative
 - Sam shared that the applications for capital construction grants will be released soon.
 - Mark McHugh noted that IFF will provide some technical support to CPS.
 - Sam shared that CPS will implement a new application process for parents looking for school-based Head Start and/or PreK There are 23,000 seats available
 - Other local updates
- State Updates: [Daniel and Granada]
 - DCFS:
 - Daniel shared news of a potential decrease in funding to the Department of Children and Family Services, (15% or \$107 million).
 - Daniel also discussed the agency's re-organization of its management team to align with the Department "mission.
 - IDHS
 - ISBE
- Federal Update: [Maria and George]
 - President Obama's Early Learning Proposal
 - The co-chairs will send members a summary of president's proposal written by the National Women's Law Center
 - Proposed federal rule change to child care. Some changes include:
 - Aligning Head Start and Child Care
 - Relaxed proposals around eligibility
 - More inspection and monitoring
 - A focus on overpayments
 - Members will receive a copy of the rule change posted on the Federal Register web site.
 - The impact of sequestration on Head Start
 - The co-chairs discussed the 5.27% budget cut to Head Start

- Impacts: HS programs have varying fiscal years, which impacts how cuts will be absorbed.
- In Illinois, programs are trying to insure that no children loose serves.

11:35-11:55 Subcommittee Reports [Subcommittee Co-Chairs]

- Capital/Infrastructure
- There was general discussion around a bill that related to a specific agency that could impact the agencies that have received Capital Construction Grants. (Note – this issue has since been resolved in a way that has no impact on existing ECCG recipients. Principles and Practices
 - At recent meetings there were presentations from Educare and Erikson on best practice in terms of family and community engagement.
 - P&P work needs to focus on what the level 5 (Awards of Excellence) will ultimately consist of.
 - The Sub-Committee will also look at policies that impact organizations and communities, and how parents engage with them.
- Hard to Reach Recommendations/ Report
 - The Sun-Committee chairs reported that the work related to identifying “who” is hard to reach, why are they hard to reach, and what approaches are successful in serving these families is complete in at least a preliminary fashion. The Sub-Committee will continue to refine this document. The policy obstacles that exist (and eliminating them) will be a focus going forward and data will be utilized in tracking impact..
 - Early Childhood Innovation Zones will pilot the recommendations and provide insights
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After discussion/questions, it was moved and seconded that the Family and Community Engagement Committee recommend the Sub-Committee report to the full Early Learning Council Executive Committee. The motion carried.

- Items for the Council/Executive Committee

11:55-12:00 Next Steps

- Recommendation report is approved to move forward to the IL Exec Committee Meeting
- Next meeting date is changed from August 22 to August 16

12:00 Adjourn

Family and Community Committee Meetings

- August 16, 2013